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In re Application of :
Sundaram Ravikumar et al :
Serial No.: 10/766,597 :
Filed: January 27, 2004 :
For: Surgical Retractor Apparatus for use :
With a Surgical Port :

DECISION ON PETITION

This is in response to the petition applicant filed on January 23, 2006 to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(d).

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, VIII, thus the petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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